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Police Department

Suspects Armed Themselves with Tools

The officer-involved shooting that occurred this past Saturday, July 14, 2007, came after a four hour yard-to-yard search for the residential burglary suspects later identified as 20-year old Charlie Wilson and 22-year old Shaun McCoy.

Officers encountered the two suspects in a small shed in the rear yard of a home in the 2600 block of 231st Street after a search that included a Long Beach Police helicopter making announcements for the suspects to surrender. As Torrance officers closed in on the shed they were being assisted by a Manhattan Beach Police Department K9 officer and his dog. The police dog alerted on the shed and officers began yelling for anyone inside to step out and give themselves up. Officers gave numerous commands from outside the shed, but they heard no responses from within. In order to determine if anyone was actually inside, the officers opened the shed door. They were in very close proximity to the shed and were immediately confronted by both Wilson and McCoy who had armed themselves with sharp yard tools. The suspects moved aggressively toward the officers with the weapons in hand and the officers, in fear for their lives, fired multiple shots and stopped the suspects. The tools that Wilson and McCoy were armed with are believed to have come from the shed.

Wilson and McCoy were positively identified as being involved in the burglary that occurred on Saturday in the 2600 block of 231st Street. Additionally, the third suspect arrested during the incident, Erin Madden, has been charged with a second residential burglary that occurred Friday in Torrance. A gang enhancement is being sought with regard to Madden's charges based police gang experts determining Madden is a member of a notorious, violent street gang with its roots in the South Los Angeles, but that has members in various parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Police gang experts have also determined Wilson and McCoy were members of that same gang. Detectives are continuing to investigate whether or not these individuals are responsible for other crimes.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is reviewing this incident as is routine for all officer involved shootings. The police investigation of this incident is on-going and is under the direction of Captain Marc K. Wilkins, Bureau Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

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